

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Wes Moore. Others present were Police Chief Reed, Road Agent Brian Knipstein, Christine Wilson, Tom Conner, and Scott Moulton.

Chief Reed advised the Board that the bridge work is up and running. The digging of the roadway will begin the first week in April. Work will be completed by the date stated on the contract which is May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Police Department has received an updated grant from UNH (Dr. Messner) which is similar to the Car 54 Project. The in-car camera has entered a new phase where it will pan the officer and will utilize a palm pilot. The new technology will be installed in a Newfields police cruiser. This system will be used only by one Newfields police cruiser and one State Trooper cruiser at this time.

Chief Reed has heard from Officer Grant Fotheringham. Officer Fotheringham is still stationed in Iraq and is doing fine.

Road Agent Brian Knipstein advised the Board that street sweeping in town will begin in the next couple of weeks. The Highway Department will also sweep the Town Hall parking lot and the Fire Station parking lot.

Brian asked if any progress has been made on the salt shed easement. The Selectmen asked Nancy to check with Ray Buxton. A copy of the proposed easement was given to Ray earlier this year.

Brian advised that it was okay to pay the PSNH bill. The charge was up substantially because the vehicles were plugged into chargers during the cold spell.

The repairs to the Salt Shed are about to start. Chief Reed stated that the County Jail will provide workers – the Town must provide the materials for the job (such as paint for painting), lunch, and drinks. Suggested areas for this type of work are: salt shed, painting fire hydrants, and the Town Hall.

Chief Reed, Tom Conner, and Christine Wilson were in to discuss Emergency Management in Newfields. They proposed a team approach to this department with Tom Conner as the Director, Christine Wilson as Deputy, and Chief Reed to help with grants. The team will meet and put together a proposal for the town's Emergency Management Plan. The Seabrook Station is still an important issue, but other items such as bird flu need attention and direction. The team will report back to the Selectmen in

six to eight weeks with their recommendations. The Selectmen were agreeable to the team approach and look forward to meeting with them again.

Tom Conner reminded the Selectmen that the Graded Seabrook Station Drill will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 between 8:30am and 2:00pm.

Federal Grants are still available for Emergency Management, but a formal plan needs to be in place. This is something the “team” will work on so that the Town can take advantage of the grants.

Scott Moulton of Moulton Property Services came in to discuss his bid for groundskeeping in Newfields. Scott has performed this service for the town for the last four years. When Scott was informed that we received a lower bid, he agreed to reduce his price to match that lower bid. The contract was awarded to Moulton Property Services for 2006. The Highway Department will clean the Town Hall parking lot. Wes will contact Al Dixon at the Town of Newmarket to make arrangements for a key to the Ash Swamp Road Dump for Moulton Property Services.

The Civil Design Contract was reviewed. James made a motion to extend the contract for one year. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Veteran’s Tax Credit application was reviewed, approved, and signed.

A Land Use Change Tax was signed.

Larry Shaw’s appointment as Building Inspector was signed by Janet.

A Notice of Intent to cut was signed.

It was noted that Newfields will NOT have a parade this year unless a new Celebration Committee is formed.

Jennifer MacPherson’s report on the Senior Luncheon was read by the Selectmen. Thirty-two Seniors attended. Nancy was asked to send a thank you letter to Jennifer.

A petition was received to build and install bat houses rather than larvicide for mosquito control. As the Townspeople voted for larviciding at the elections the method of mosquito control cannot be changed – the money has to be used for larviciding and cannot be used to make or purchase bat houses. However, the petitioners and residents are strongly encouraged to build and install bat houses on their own. The Town is not spraying – but is larviciding this year.

The Public Notice for Mosquito Control was read at the meeting. It will be posted in the Town Office and the Newfields Post Office.

The Selectmen's Representative to the Conservation Commission is Wes Moore. Janet Smith will be the representative to the Planning Board and will continue on as Welfare Officer. James McIlroy will be the representative for Buildings and Facilities.

By unanimous agreement Janet was appointed Chairman of the Selectmen with the exception of the Piscassic Greenway Project. James will remain as chairman of the Piscassic Greenway Project in order to keep continuity until the project is completed.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting. Janet seconded the motion. Wes abstained. The motion passed.

Section 9A of the Piscassic Greenway Agreement was reviewed.

The Selectmen in collaboration with the Police Department will review the services provided and the needs of the Town for next year. It was noted that the major areas of impact on the budget are the school department and the lack of businesses in town.

The Alarm Ordinance was discussed. It was decided not to have a vote this week, but to put on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Spring Clean-up is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Notices have been posted at the Town Office and the Post Office. The Selectmen will be at the event.

Wes made a motion to adjourn at 10:10pm. James seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer